

BELIZE



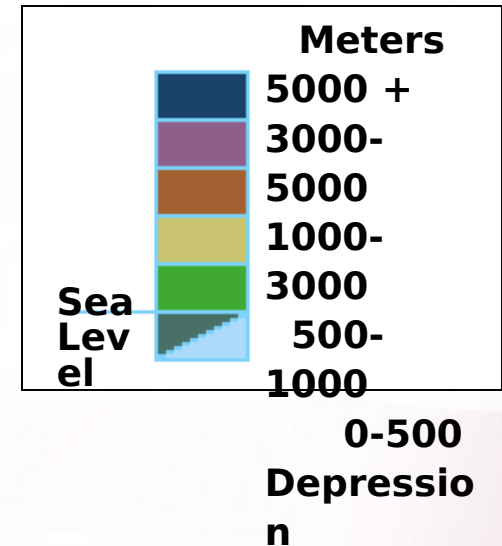
- Hurricane prone
- Developing economy
- Little industry
 - Agriculture
 - Aquaculture



Belize: Environmental Issues

- Topography
- Climate

Tropical; very hot and humid; rainy season (May to November); dry season (February to May)



Flat, swampy coastal plain; low mountains in south

***lowest point:* Caribbean Sea 0 m**

***highest point:* Victoria Peak 1,160 m**

Belize: Environmental Issues

- Industries
 - Agriculture and aquaculture
- Water
 - Surface water contaminated with raw sewage, industrial waste, runoff, and salt water
- Air
 - Localized pollution near urban and industrial centers
- Soil
 - Localized contamination near industry and waste disposal sites

Belize: Environmental Issues

- Greatest short-term environmental health risks
 - Water and food contaminated with raw sewage or runoff

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Belize: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Intermediate risk country
- Diseases of greatest risk
 - Food and waterborne: bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A
 - Vector-borne: malaria

Belize: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Diseases of potential risk
 - Food and waterborne: cholera, protozoal diarrhea, typhoid/paratyphoid fever
 - Vector-borne: dengue fever, leishmaniasis
 - Sexually transmitted: gonorrhea/chlamydia, hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS
 - Water contact: leptospirosis
 - Respiratory: tuberculosis
 - Animal contact: rabies